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SUBJ: MOON TREATY

1. AS RESULT OF TOM MINI GROUP MEETING LAST NIGHT, TEXT
AS FOLLOWS WAS DEVELOPED WITH POSSIBILITY ACCEPTABLE TO
USSR AND LDCS. TEXT APPEARS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH INSTRUC-
TIONS.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. ARTICLE I.

1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TREATY REFERENCE TO THE MOON
SHALL INCLUDE ORBITS AROUND OR OTHER TRAJECTORIES TO OR
AROUND IT.

2. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TREATY SHALL ALSO APPLY TO ALL
OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES WITHIN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, OTHER THAN
THE EARTH, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SPECIFIC LEGAL NORMS MAY
ENTER INTO FORCE WITH RESPECT TO THESE CELESTIAL BODIES.

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3. THIS TREATY DOES NOT APPLY TO EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL
MATERIALS WHICH REACH THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH BY NATURAL
MEANS. UNQUOTE.

QUOTE. ARTICLE X.

1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TREATY, THE MOON AND ITS

NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND, WHICH FINDS ITS EXPRESSION PARTICULARLY IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

THE QUESTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE TREATY IS TO BE SETTLED SEPARATELY.

2. THE MOON IS NOT SUBJECT TO NATIONAL APPROPRIATION BY ANY CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY, BY MEANS OF USE OR OCCUPATION, OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS.

3. NEITHER THE SURFACE NOR THE SUBSURFACE OF THE MOON, NOR ANY PART THEREOF OR NATURAL RESOURCES IN PLACE, SHALL BECOME PROPERTY OF ANY STATE, INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR OF ANY NATURAL PERSON. THE PLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL, SPACE VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT FACILITIES, STATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS ON OR BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE MOON, INCLUDING STRUCTURES CONNECTED WITH THEIR SURFACE OR SUBSURFACE, SHALL NOT CREATE A RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP OVER THE SURFACE OR THE SUBSURFACE OF THE MOON OR ANY AREAS THEREOF.

THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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4. STATES PARTIES HAVE AN EQUAL RIGHT TO THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF THE MOON WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND UNDER THE CONDITIONS STIPULATED IN THIS TREATY.

5. STATES PARTIES TO THIS TREATY HEREBY UNDERTAKE TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL REGIME, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES, TO GOVERN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE MOON AS SUCH EXPLOITATION BECOMES FEASIBLE.

6. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS ARTICLE, STATES PARTIES SHALL INFORM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC AND THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE AND PRACTICABLE OF ANY NATURAL RESOURCES THEY MAY DISCOVER ON THE MOON.

7. THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME TO BE ESTABLISHED SHALL INCLUDE:

(A) THE ORDERLY AND SAFE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE MOON;

(B) THE RATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THOSE RESOURCES;

(C) THE EXPANSION OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE USE OF THOSE RESOURCES; AND

(D) AN EQUITABLE SHARING BY ALL STATES PARTIES IN THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THOSE RESOURCES,

WHEREBY THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE EFFORTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE EXPLORATION OF THE MOON SHALL BE

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GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.

8. ALL THE ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE MOON SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN A MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF THIS ARTICLE.

9. A CONFERENCE OF ALL STATES PARTIES SHALL BE CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, AS DEPOSITORY AT THE REQUEST OF ONE THIRD OF SUCH STATES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS ARTICLE ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, DUE REGARD BEING PAID TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE V, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THIS TREATY. UNQUOTE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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